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FESTUS, MISSOURI MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ST. LOUIS, MO - Jason Inman was convicted on federal charges of possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Catherine Hanaway announced today.

"This conviction should send a message to those who believe they can possess images of underage children without any consequence-- you will be prosecuted, and face a lengthy prison sentence," said Hanaway.

According to testimony at trial, Inman downloaded dozens of files containing images of children under the age of eighteen engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

JASON D. INMAN, 25, 300 block of Walnut Street, Festus, Missouri, was found guilty of three felony counts of possession of child pornography. The three-day trial was held before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

Inman now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, per count. Sentencing has been set for March 30, 2007. After the verdict was read, Mr. Inman was remanded to custody pending the sentencing in March.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the Postal Inspection Service, the Festus, Missouri Police Department, the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group, and Assistant United States Attorney Carrie Costantin, who prosecuted the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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